# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

IN RE: JOHNSON & JOHNSON TALCUM POWDER PRODUCTS MARKETING, SALES PRACTICES, AND PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION MDL No. 2738 (FLW) (LHG) JUDGE FREDA L. WOLFSON MAG. JUDGE LOIS H. GOODMAN

JILL LASKOWSKI and ANDY ASARO,

COMPLAINT AND JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff,

v.

Civil Action No: 23-cv-10696

JOHNSON & JOHNSON, and JOHNSON & JOHNSON CONSUMER INC., et al.

Defendants.

DIRECT FILED ACTION

#### SHORT FORM COMPLAINT AND JURY DEMAND

The Plaintiff named below files this *Short Form Complaint and Demand for Jury Trial* against Defendants named below by and through the undersigned counsel. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the allegations contained in *Plaintiffs' Master Long Form Complaint* in *In re: Talcum Powder Products Marketing, Sales Practices,, and Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 2738 in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. Plaintiff files this Short Form Complaint as permitted by Case Management Order No. 1 of this Court.

In addition to those causes of action contained in *Plaintiffs' Master Long Form Complaint*, where certain claims require specific pleadings and/or amendments, Plaintiff(s) shall add and include them herein.

## **IDENTIFICATION OF PARTIES**

## **Identification of Plaintiff(s)**

1. Name of individual injured due to the use of talcum powder product(s): Jill Laskowski.

- 2. At the time of the filing of the specific case, Plaintiff is a citizen of Bala Cynwyd, Montgomery, County, Pennsylvania.
- 3. Consortium Claim(s): The following individual alleges damages for loss of consortium: Andy Asaro.
- 4. As a result of using talcum powder products, Plaintiff suffered personal and economic injur(ies) that are alleged to have been caused by the use of the products identified in Paragraph 16 below, but not limited to, the following:

√ injury to herself				
		injury to the person represented		
		wrongful death		
		survivorship action		
√ economic loss				
		loss of services		
	loss o	f consortium		
other:				

## **Identification of Defendants:**

- 5. Plaintiff is suing the following Defendants (please check all that apply)<sup>1</sup>:
  - √ Johnson & Johnson
  - √ Johnson & Johnson Consumer Inc.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If additional Counts and/or Counts directed to other Defendants are alleged by the specific Plaintiff(s) as to whom this *Short Form Complaint* applies, the specific facts supporting these allegations must be pleaded by the Plaintiff(s) in a manner complying with the requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and the Defendants against whom they are alleged must be specifically identified on a separate sheet of paper attached to this *Short Form Complaint*.

#### **Additional Defendants:**

√ Other(s) Defendant(s) (please specify): LTL Management, LLC., Johnson & Johnson Holdco (NA) Inc., Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and Kenvue, Inc.

## **JURISDICTION & VENUE**

## **Jurisdiction:**

- 6. Jurisdiction in this Short Form Complaint is based on:
  - √ Diversity of Citizenship
- Other (The basis of any additional ground for jurisdiction must be pled in sufficient detail as required by the applicable Federal Rules of Civil Procedure):
- 7. District Court(s) and Division (if any) in which venue was proper where you might have otherwise filed this Short Form Complaint absent the direct filing Order entered by this Court and to where remand could be ordered by the Judicial Panel for trial: U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

## **CASE SPECIFIC FACTS**

- 8. Plaintiff currently resides in Bala Cynwyd, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.
- 9. At the time of the Plaintiff's diagnosis with a talcum powder product(s) injury, Plaintiff resided in New Brunswick, Middlesex County, New Jersey.
- 10. The Plaintiff was diagnosed with a talcum powder product(s) injury in New Brunswick, New Jersey on August 2013.
- 11. To the best of Plaintiff's knowledge, Plaintiff began using talcum powder product(s) on or about the following date: 1983 and continued the use of talcum powder products through about the following date: 2013.

	12	•	The Plaintiff purchased talcum powder products in the following state(s): New	
Jersey				
	13	•	Plaintiff used the following talcum powder products:	
			Johnson & Johnson's Baby Powder	
			Shower to Shower	
			<u>CAUSES OF ACTION</u>	
	14		Plaintiff hereby adopts and incorporates by reference the Master Long Form	
Complaint and Jury Demand as if fully set forth herein.				
	15		The following claims and allegations asserted in the Master Long Form Complaint	
and Ju	ıry 1	Dem	and are herein adopted by reference by Plaintiff(s):	
		Co	ount I: Products Liability – Strict Liability – Failure to Warn (Against Imerys Talc)	
			ount II: Products Liability – Strict Liability – Failure to Warn (Against the Johnson Johnson Defendants)	
			ount III: Products Liability – Strict Liability – Defective Manufacturer and Design gainst Imerys Talc)	
			ount IV: Products Liability – Defective Manufacturer and Design (Against the huson & Johnson Defendants)	
		Co	ount V: Breach of Express Warranties (Against the Johnson & Johnson Defendants)	
			ount VI: Breach of Implied Warranty of Merchantability (Against the Johnson & Inson Defendants)	
			ount VII: Breach of Implied Warranty of Fitness for a Particular Purpose (Against e Johnson & Johnson Defendants)	
		Co	ount VIII: Negligence (Against Imerys Talc)	
		Co	ount IX: Negligence (Against the Johnson & Johnson Defendants)	
		Co	ount X: Negligence (Against PCPC)	
		Co	ount XI: Negligence Misrepresentation (Against the Johnson & Johnson Defendants)	

	Count XII: Fraud (Against the Johnson & Johnson Defendants)			
	Count XIII: Fraud (Against PCPC)			
	Count XIV: Violation of State Consumer Protection Laws of the State of Indiana (Against the Johnson & Johnson Defendants).			
	Count XV: Fraudulent Concealment (Against Imerys Talc)			
	Count XVI: Fraudulent Concealment (Against the Johnson & Johnson Defendants)			
	Count XVII: Fraudulent Concealment (Against PCPC)			
	Count XVIII: Civil Conspiracy (Against All Defendants)			
	Count XIX: Loss of Consortium (Against All Defendants)			
	Count XX: Punitive Damages (Against All Defendants)			
	Count XXI: Discovery Rule and Tolling (Against All Defendants)			
	Count XXII: Wrongful Death (Against All Defendants)			
	Count XXIII: Survival Action (Against All Defendants)			
	Furthermore, Plaintiff(s) assert the following additional theories and/or State Causes of			
Action against Defendant(s) identified in Paragraph nine (9) above. If Plaintiff(s) includes				
additional theories of recovery, to the extent they require specificity in pleadings, the				
specific facts and allegations supporting these theories must be pled by Plaintiff(s) in a				
manner complying with the requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.				

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for relief and judgment against Defendants of compensatory damages, punitive damages, interest, costs of suit, and such further relief as the Court deems equitable and just, and as set forth in the Master Long Form Complaint as appropriate.

# **JURY DEMAND**

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury as to all claims in this action.

Dated: August 25, 2023 Respectfully submitted:

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